## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PORTAGEVILLE BRIDGE PROJECT PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NO. 4935.79

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Portageville Bridge Project, which assessed the project's effect on the quality of the human environment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 USC § 4321 et seq.). The Portageville Bridge spans the Genesee River within Wyoming and Livingston Counties, New York. The purpose of the Project is to address the existing deficiencies at the Portageville Bridge by providing a modern rail crossing of the Genesee River at its current location that is capable of carrying current industry standard freight rail loads, to the greatest degree possible meeting Federal Railroad Administration Class 4 speeds, while reducing ongoing maintenance efforts and costs. The Project is needed for Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the Project Sponsor, to continue to provide safe, reliable, and efficient rail operations on the Southern Tier route. These operations are critical to the economic viability and growth of the Southern Tier and other affected areas of New York.

The FEIS was prepared using an abbreviated format, consisting of errata sheets and the information required for an FEIS attached to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The FHWA and NYSDOT have also completed and signed a Joint NEPA / State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Record of Decision (ROD) and SEQRA Findings Statement, dated 12/16/14, on the Portageville Bridge Project. The Joint ROD and Findings Statement was prepared in accordance with NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508); FHWA's regulations implementing NEPA (23 CFR Part 771); and NYSDOT's Procedures for the Implementation of SEQRA (17 NYCRR Part 15).

The DEIS, FEIS, and Joint ROD and Findings Statement are available for public inspection during business hours at:

- NYSDOT Region 4 Offices, 1530 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY;
- Letchworth State Park Visitors' Center, Castile, NY:
- Bell Memorial Library, 16 East St, Nunda, NY;
- Mt. Morris Library, 121 Main St, Mount Morris, NY;
- Cordelia A. Greene Library, 11 South Main St, Castile, NY;
- Perry Public Library, 70 North Main St, Perry, NY; and
- Pike Library, 65 Main Street West, Pike, NY

The DEIS, FEIS and Joint ROD and Findings Statement are also available on the project website: <a href="https://www.dot.ny.gov/portagevillebridge">www.dot.ny.gov/portagevillebridge</a>.